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TO: Career and Technical Education Administrators
Community College Deans
Workforce Development Administrators
Tech Prep Consortia Directors

FROM: Neils W. Brooks, Ed.D., Director
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SUBJECT: CompTIA – Department of Education/
Virginia Community College System Partnership

Through a commonwealth wide CompTIA membership, the Virginia Department of Education, Office of Career and Technical Education Services and the Virginia Community College System, Workforce Development Services Unit, is providing all the high schools and community colleges with the benefits of a CompTIA membership through the JOBS+ program. CompTIA, the Computing Technology Industry Association, is a not-for-profit international trade association of more than 13,000 companies and professional IT members in the rapidly converging computing and communications market. With members in more than 50 countries, CompTIA provides a unified voice for the industry in the areas of e-commerce standards, vendor-neutral certification, service metrics, public policy and workforce development. Best known for setting standards for the industry, CompTIA's vendor neutral A+, Network+, iNet+ and Server+ certifications are recognized as industry standards worldwide.

The information technology industry touches the lives of every person and is essential for the success of any organization. This rapidly growing industry is creating more jobs than there are skilled workers to fill them. JOBS+, CompTIA's IT career management program, was created to recruit, train, certify, and help place more than 200,000 new IT employees in jobs by 2004. A major focus of

this program is to work with the educational community to provide more opportunities for students who are preparing for careers in the exciting, fast growing IT industry.

The benefits to high school and community colleges of this partnership include:

- Free teacher exam vouchers. To receive the vouchers for full-time teachers and full-time faculty of programs offering one of CompTIA's certifications, complete the enclosed form and return to CompTIA
- Discount A+, Network+, iNet+ and Server+ exam vouchers for the students enrolled in programs teaching to the CompTIA standards. Local administrators and deans should visit the CompTIA website at <http://www.comptia.org/workforce/faq.htm> to learn about the discounts and how to purchase the student vouchers
- Student access to CompTIA job bank/resume listings. Students who achieve certification can search the job bank for career opportunities and can post their resume for review for employment possibilities. To use the job bank go to the following web page:
<http://comptia.jobcontrolcenter.com/ccn/comptia/PageJobSeekerMain.cfm>
- Information on student internship/mentoring programs and career brochures and posters. To receive these materials call Tara Manzow at JOBS+ at CompTIA at 630-268-1818, ext. 329.

For additional information about CompTIA benefits contact Gary L. Hannah at ghannah@comptia.org and for information regarding this partnership contact me at nbrooks@pen.k12.va.us. or Dr. John Sygielski, Vice Chancellor, Workforce Development Services at JSygielski@vccs.cc.va.us.

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Attachments

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TEACHER VOUCHER REQUEST

A+ Vouchers

- ☐ Send no vouchers, I am already certified. Certification # _____
- ☐ Send no vouchers, I am not ready to test
- ☐ Send Prometric A+ vouchers ☐ Send VUE A+ vouchers

Network+ Vouchers

- ☐ Send no vouchers, I am already certified. Certification # _____
- ☐ Send no vouchers, I am not ready to test
- ☐ Send Prometric Network+ vouchers ☐ Send VUE Network+ vouchers

i-Net+ Vouchers

- ☐ Send no vouchers, I am already certified. Certification # _____
- ☐ Send no vouchers, I am not ready to test
- ☐ Send Prometric i-Net+ vouchers ☐ Send VUE i-Net+ vouchers

Name _____

School _____

Address _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ CompTIA Member # _____

We are a: ☐ High School ☐ Two-Year School ☐ Four-Year School

We have the following programs at our school: ☐ CISCO Academy
☐ Novell NAEP ☐ Microsoft AATP ☐ Other _____

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